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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

MILLER ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/083,017

Filed: February 26, 2002

Confirmation No.: 4317

Atty. File No.: 45568-000425

For: "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT OF HEARING AIDS THAT INCLUDE IMPLANTABLE ACTUATORS"

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of May 22, 2003 (Paper No. 3).

Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from August 22, 2003 to November 22, 2003, as well as a check in the amount of \$475.00 as the fee for such extension. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due for the additional claims associated with filing this Amendment and Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

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| CERTIFICATE OF MAILING | |
| I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 ON 11/24/03. | |
| BY: | MARSH FISCHMANN & BREYFOOLE, LLP Lynn Penrywell |

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Please amend Claims 1-5, 7-12, and 15, cancel Claims 6, 13, 14 and 19-36, and add new Claims 37-45 as follows: